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*This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!*

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## Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American Cheddar	347,563	371,137	362,735	+4
WI	56,743	56,939	53,000	-7
CA	29,671	27,808	29,966	+1
ID	45,057	45,867	44,971	n.c.
MN	42,070	42,836	41,843	-1
US	266,552	281,875	281,470	+6
Brick & Muenster	10,076	11,103	9,880	-2
Cream & Neufchatel	56,577	59,687	54,414	-4
Hispanic Mozzarella	16,117	19,208	18,452	+14
WI	69,976	76,075	74,100	+6
CA	97,658	110,872	109,512	+12
US	285,020	308,715	306,234	+7
Parmesan	21,041	17,890	18,924	-10
Provolone	27,028	29,316	26,710	-1
Ricotta	23,514	26,000	22,690	-4
Romano	2,852	3,110	2,848	n.c.
Other Italian types	3,278	5,653	4,706	+4
Total Italian				
WI	102,725	110,813	107,399	+5
CA	106,980	120,177	116,700	+9
US	362,733	390,684	382,112	+5
Swiss	27,179	29,353	27,014	-1
All other cheese	21,401	26,610	28,802	+35
Total cheese				
WI	213,846	222,367	217,703	+2
CA	175,554	190,333	186,123	+6
ID	66,937	74,674	68,435	+2
NM	54,591	66,528	68,333	+25
US	841,646	907,782	883,409	+5

## February Milk Prices

Wisconsin's February milk price is expected to average \$18.90 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is \$2.70 higher than January's price of \$16.20 per cwt. and \$2.90 more than February 2010.

The expected U.S. milk price for February is \$18.40 per cwt. This is up \$1.70 from January and is 50 cents lower than Wisconsin's price. All of the major milk producing states are predicting a price increase from January to February. Wisconsin and Minnesota are anticipating the largest increases in price. Both states are expected to be up \$2.70 per cwt. California is predicted to be up \$2.35 per cwt., while Idaho's price will increase by \$2.00.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.9925 per pound on February 28, while barrels were \$1.9525 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.0200 per pound.

For the week ending February 19, 2011 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.7850 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.8088 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.0792 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for January will be released on March 4.

## Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	January 2010		January 2011		February 2011	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	16.30	3.74	16.20	3.81	18.90	3.80
CA	14.75	3.82	15.35	3.83	17.70	3.77
ID	14.60	3.71	15.40	3.78	17.40	3.71
MI	16.90	3.72	17.40	3.77	18.80	3.75
MN	16.10	3.80	16.20	3.84	18.90	3.82
NM	15.70	3.71	16.40	3.78	17.40	3.75
NY	16.80	3.78	17.80	3.84	18.50	3.81
PA	18.00	3.75	18.90	3.85	19.80	3.85
TX	17.10	3.86	17.60	3.96	18.60	3.92
US	16.10	3.77	16.70	3.83	18.40	3.79

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Trout Sales Decrease



Wisconsin's trout producers reported \$1.62 million in trout sales during 2010, a \$167,000 drop from 2009. In addition to sales, trout, valued at \$2.23 million, were distributed for restoration or conservation uses.

Sales of trout that were at least 12 inches long totaled \$1.47 million, a 4 percent decrease in value from 2009. The number of trout sold at 12 inches or longer was 520,000. Live weight of trout sold in this size category was 482,000 pounds. Compared to a year

earlier, trout were slightly smaller in 2010, and 40,000 more pounds were sold. Producers received an average of \$3.04 per pound, down 27 cents from 2009.

The value of trout sold in the 6 to 12 inch range, at \$129,000, fell \$125,000 from 2009. The number of fish sold in the size range, at 85,000, dropped 75,000 from the previous year. The average price was \$3.91 per pound, 1 cent above a year earlier.

Sales of 1 to 6 inch trout totaled \$30,000, up \$12,000 from 2009. There were 110,000 trout sold, 20,000 more than a year earlier. Total pounds sold, at 6,000, increased by 1,000 pounds. The price for fish in the 1 to 6 inch category, at \$272 per 1,000 fish, increased by \$70.

Trout-for-sale producers lost 505,000 trout weighing 82,000 pounds to various causes during 2010. The number of trout lost was 14,000 fewer than last year, while weight of the lost trout lost was down 6,000 pounds.

At the national level 64 percent of the trout over 12 inches long were sold to processors as the point of first sale, while 50 percent of trout 6 to 12 inches long were sold for recreational stocking.

In Wisconsin, the 1 to 6 inch size was the most common type distributed for conservation or restoration purposes, at 3.11 million trout. The number of 6 to 12 inch trout distributed was 1.83 million, and 10,000 of the 12 inch or longer trout were distributed.

### Trout, Wisconsin

Item	Unit	2009	2010
Trout 12 inches and longer			
Number sold	1,000	480	520
Pounds sold	1,000	459	482
Value of sales	\$1,000	1,519	1,465
Average value per pound	Dollars	3.31	3.04
Trout 6 to 12 inches in length			
Number sold	1,000	160	85
Pounds sold	1,000	65	33
Value of sales	\$1,000	254	129
Average value per pound	Dollars	3.90	3.91
Trout 1 to 6 inches long			
Number sold	1,000	90	110
Pounds sold	1,000	5	6
Value of sales	\$1,000	18	30
Average per 1,000 fish	Dollars	202	272
Total sales (excluding eggs)	\$1,000	1,791	1,624
Trout lost to various causes			
Total number	1,000	519	505
Total Pounds	1,000	88	82
Distributed for conservation & restoration			
Trout 12 inches and longer	1,000 fish	5	10
Trout 6-12 inches in length	1,000 fish	2,280	1,830
Trout 1-6 inches long	1,000 fish	2,830	3,110
Total value	\$1,000	2,001	2,234

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

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## Record Low Veal, Lamb and Mutton Production for January

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in January, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010.

Beef production, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

January 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays. January 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

### Commercial Slaughter 1/, January 2011

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	143.2	+1	2,735.2	+1
Calves	7.6	-3	71.8	-13
Hogs, all	45.5	+12	9,103.7	+2
Sheep and lambs	0.6	+20	161.1	-14

1/Excludes farm slaughter. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

### Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	Jan. 2010	Dec. 2010	Jan. 2011	Change from	
				Jan. 2010	Dec. 2010
Million pounds					
Beef	2,083	2,272	2,124	+2	-7
Veal	12	12	11	-8	-8
Pork	1,810	2,056	1,896	+5	-8
Lamb & mutton	13	15	11	-13	-25
Total red meat 2/	3,918	4,335	4,042	+3	-7

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Wisconsin Honey Production Flows to Eighth Place in U.S.



Honey production from producers with 5 or more colonies in Wisconsin totaled 4.35 million pounds in 2010, an increase of 15 percent from 2009. The number of honey producing colonies in the state increased from 63,000 colonies in 2009 to 68,000 colonies in 2010. This number does not include those producers with less than 5 colonies or those who did not harvest honey. Yield per colony averaged 64 pounds, an increase of 4 pounds per colony from the previous year. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Wisconsin's rank in honey production for 2010 was eighth, three spots above last year.

On December 15, 2010, producer honey stocks in Wisconsin were 1.65 million pounds, an increase of 4 percent from 2009. Wisconsin's 2010 honey crop was valued at \$7.27 million, 22 percent above last year's \$5.97 million. The average price for a pound of honey in Wisconsin was \$1.67, up 9 cents from the previous year. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels.

National honey production in 2010 was 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.687 million honey producing colonies in the U.S., up 7 percent from last year. The average yield increased 12 percent, to 65.5 pounds per colony. On December 15, 2010 honey producers held 45.3 million pounds in stock, up 21 percent from a year earlier.

Honey prices in the U.S. reached a record high for the third straight year, at \$1.60 per pound in 2010. This is up 13 cents from the previous year. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

### Honey Production

State	No of Colonies		Production		Average Price		Honey Stocks Dec. 15 1/	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Thousands		1,000 lbs.		Cents per lb.		1,000 lbs.	
WI	63	68	3,780	4,352	158	167	1,588	1,654
CA	355	410	11,715	27,470	139	156	2,109	6,318
FL	170	200	11,560	13,800	142	157	1,618	1,794
GA	65	55	2,665	2,530	147	152	346	152
MI	66	70	3,960	4,060	155	164	1,505	1,502
MN	122	126	7,930	8,316	144	154	1,427	1,746
MT	146	157	10,220	11,618	146	155	3,577	2,905
ND	450	510	34,650	46,410	138	151	7,623	12,995
SD	270	265	17,820	15,635	142	154	6,237	4,847
TX	89	100	5,607	7,200	139	153	1,065	792
US	2,498	2,684	146,416	175,904	147.3	160.3	37,516	45,307

1/Stocks held by producers do not include stocks under loan.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for milk, corn, oats, soybeans, potatoes, and alfalfa hay increased from January to February 2011, while other hay remained at the same level as in January.

Corn in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$5.81 per bushel in mid-February. This was a gain of 92 cents over the previous month's price and \$2.33 over the price in February 2010. Nationwide corn prices averaged \$5.66 per bushel in mid-February.

The average price for Wisconsin soybeans was \$12.20 per bushel in mid-February, 70 cents more than the January price and \$2.61 more than in February 2010. Across the United States soybeans sold for an average of \$12.10 per bushel in mid-February.

Wisconsin oats averaged \$2.75 per bushel in mid-February, 7 cents more than in the previous month and 58 cents more than in February 2010. Nationally, mid-February oat prices averaged \$3.38 per bushel.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$100.00 per ton as of mid-February, \$5.00 more than in the previous month but \$20.00 less than in February 2010. The average price for other hay types remained at \$70.00 per ton from January to mid-February, but was \$15.00 less than the price in February of last year.

## Cattle Program Alert

*Beginning in January 2011, State level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices have been discontinued. United States level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices are published based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.*

## Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Feb. 2010	Jan. 2011	Feb. 15, 2011	Feb. 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk, all	Cwt.	16.00	16.20	18.90	15.90	18.40
Corn	Bu.	3.48	4.89	5.81	3.55	5.66
Oats	Bu.	2.17	2.68	2.75	2.30	3.38
Soybeans	Bu.	9.59	11.50	12.20	9.41	12.10
Potatoes, all 1/ 2/	Cwt.	9.10	11.40	11.60	7.34	9.33
Fresh	Cwt.	5.75	11.80	-	5.76	-
Processing	Cwt.	11.00	11.10	-	8.44	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	120.00	95.00	100.00	110.00	127.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	85.00	70.00	70.00	93.00	93.90
Milk cows 3/	Head	-	1,430.00	-	-	-
Steers & heifers 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	90.50	109.00
Cows 4/ 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	51.70	71.20
Calves 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	113.00	136.00
Hogs, all 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	48.90	61.50
Wheat, all 4/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.73	8.56
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.53	8.13
Barley, all 4/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.36	4.53
Dry Edible Beans 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	30.40	28.20
Apples, fresh use 4/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.29	0.29

1/Entire month. 2/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 3/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 4/Monthly estimates for steers & heifers, beef cattle, calves, hogs, wheat, barley, dry edible beans, and apples are not published for Wisconsin. 5/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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